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MEMORANDUM

To: All Comprehensive Care Facilities

From: Wendy Kronmiller, Director

Date: December 10, 2006

Re: Technical Assistant Unit

Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

Over recent months we have been reviewing all licensure and survey programs at OHCQ to attempt to be as focused as possible, given staffing and budgetary constraints. As a result of this review, beginning January 1, 2007, we must reduce the number of surveyors devoted to the Technical Assistance Unit (TAU). Over the past 5 years, TAU surveyors have visited each Maryland nursing home annually to provide separate quality assurance survey. As of January 1, 2007, the surveys will be focused to nursing homes which in our opinion will most benefit from a QA survey. Additionally, nursing homes may request a visit from the TAU. To be on the list for a TAU survey, please contact Linda Masterson at (410) 402-8008 or lmasterson@dnhmh.state.md.us.

We appreciate your cooperation as we make these programmatic changes.

cc: Isabella Firth, President, Lifespan
Adele Wilzack, President, HFAM
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Mark Leeds, Maryland Medicaid

